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NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Julia Moore

"Many hands make light work!"

Here in Galisteo, there is a long tradition of people looking out for each other, of neighbors reaching out to lend a helping hand when one is needed. Building on that excellent tradition, a group called *Neighbors Helping Neighbors* is offering community members the opportunity to contribute occasional assistance to their neighbors who may need extra support in times of illness, emergency, or crisis.

Are you willing to provide a meal from time to time? How about picking up a prescription or running an errand when you are in town? Or driving someone to a doctor's appointment? Or doing basic household repairs or maintenance, or emergency pet sitting? Simple acts such as these can make a huge difference, especially for those who live alone or far from family.

We would love to have a big roster of folks available to help. We invite you to join in this effort by calling or emailing one of the contacts below and indicating which service or services you might provide. When a specific need arises, one of us will contact you to see whether you are available to help out.

We are very fortunate to have the expertise of three registered nurses in Galisteo working with the *Neighbors Helping Neighbors* team: Terry Vasquez (466-4615), Romona Scholder (466-0697), Janice Griscom (466-3996; jgriscom9267@gmail.com).

If you are in need of the services offered, or know someone in the community who may need them, please do not hesitate to contact *Neighbors Helping Neighbors:* those listed above, plus Anna Cárdenas (466-8967, annacardenas 1@hughesnet.com); Nancy Helle (466-0204); Julia Moore (466-7256), and Lorraine Weiss (466-1872),

CHARLIE ANAYA Oct. 14, 1933 – Jan. 24, 2014

Charlie Anaya was born in Galisteo to Frank and Virginia Anaya and was raised at the Anaya Ranch near Cerro Pelon. He is survived by his sister Michelle Robles and brother Cipriano Anaya. Charlie lived in Stanley and retired from the Stanley Landfill after 29 years of service. He was a great fan of Tiger Woods, and "Margarita" was his song. On March 1, a funeral service was held at Nuestra Señora de los Remedios, where, his sister recalls, he never missed a Sunday service.

Saturday March 15, 2014, 10-12, Community Center: Galisteo Community Association re-starts the Coffee/Book Swap with the Annual Community meeting to elect two alternates to our Board and provide updates on various issues. A quorum of 20 is necessary. The meeting will be covered in the April issue of *El Puente*.

Saturday March 22, 10-12:30, Community Center: Health Action NM provides another chance to sign up for low cost health care insurance. See bulletins at the mailboxes with a list of documents necessary for application. In February, we signed up 10 people. Thanks to Maria Perez from Health Action NM and her companions from La Familia for all their expertise. Coffee and breakfast items will be furnished thanks to Anna Cárdenas and Janice Griscom.

BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

On Monday, March 17, construction is scheduled to begin on both Galisteo bridges to the south of town. It is anticipated to last six months or longer. Traffic flow in both directions will be reduced to one lane while the opposite lane is demolished and re-built. Then the process will be repeated for the opposite lane. A diesel hammer will be used for placing new supports on the San Cristobal Bridge and is expected to operate from 7 AM - 6 PM, but only for several days. Equipment to monitor vibrations will be in place.

At some time in the next few weeks (can't be soon enough!) signs will be posted at the intersections of US285 and NM41 and at Interstate 40 and NM41 to re-route truck traffic. This will hopefully affect another problem spot. Several of us have noticed an increase in tanker and large truck traffic on CR42. About a month ago, your editor was at the mailboxes when a driver asked me about the road and I told him his truck was too big for the twists and turns. But he said it was a shortcut, which he clearly hadn't tried before, and off he went.

The GCA recently contacted Robert Martinez (Santa Fe County Operations & Maintenance Division Director) about this concern. County staff will schedule a traffic study at both ends of CR 42 and compare it to the study that was conducted last April. Staff may consider "no through truck traffic" or weight restrictions on CR 42 if the study warrants. Local deliveries by commercial trucks would still be allowed.

THE LATEST FROM NoCOIL

On Feb. 12th, the Lamy Community Association (LCA) hosted some 60 residents at the Legal Tender for an informational and fundraising gathering on the No Crude Oil in Lamy issue. Guests included County Commissioner Kathy Holian, and Norma McCallan and Teresa Seamster from the Sierra Club's Rio Grande Chapter. Following their presentations, the NoCOIL Steering Committee provided updates on their efforts to prevent the development of the proposed crude oil transloading terminal.

Commissioner Holian briefed the assemblage on the county's progress in developing an ordinance to establish weight limits on CR33. The county has contracted an independent outside firm to conduct computer simulations to study the impact of heavy truck traffic on the existing roadbed. Recent core samples have shown that the present base and asphalt measurements do not meet county standards.

Sierra Club representatives McCallan and Seamster shared their research on oil shipments and tank car safety. Of the 92,000 railway tank cars in service, some 74,000 are the old and unsafe DOT-111 models which need to be upgraded or taken out of service.

A NoCOIL volunteer has been in contact with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and has arranged for a track inspection. There is some legitimate concern surrounding the condition of the tracks and trestles between Lamy and the Rail Runner line junction to the west.

In addition to working with the County to establish weight restrictions on CR33, the NoCOIL steering committee has been working extensively with our State and Federal legislators (Senators Udall and Heinrich, State Rep Lujan, and State Senator Wirth) who have been helpful dealing with the railroads.

The steering committee is excited to report that over \$4,000 in donations was collected at the Lamy meeting. Thanks to all those individuals that gave to our effort. NoCOIL has retained legal council with Brian Egolf in case of a possible injunction. Attorney-client privilege precludes plaintiffs from sharing the details of the ongoing planning and proceedings.

Send your NoCOIL donations to: No Crude Oil in Lamy, 7 Vista Grande B-7,#494, Santa Fe, NM 87508. Please make your checks out to No Crude Oil in Lamy.

AN ARCHAEOLOGIST ON LA BAJADA

The highly respected Albuquerque-based archaeologist Kurt Anschuetz, who specializes in the cultural landscape, recently wrote about the probable archaeological resources on the site of the proposed La Bajada gravel mine and the necessity for a survey of the area that would be affected. (see *El Puente* last issue).

"Is it just me," he asks, "or does anyone find it ironic that the proposed rock mining activity, which requires large quantities of water, might be sited in a location where Ancestral Pueblo people created and occupied an agricultural landscape (c. 1300-1600 AD) to harvest and conserve precious water resources for growing crops?" North of the freeway, there are rock pile complexes, field houses, and field shrines.

Anschuetz's inspection of this 50-acre parcel on the ground, courtesy of GoogleEarth, "indicates the presence of three seasonal

watercourses in the vicinity identified in the permit application," which suggests the presence of ancient fieldworks using runoff irrigation: "If nothing else, I have found that wherever there is manageable surface water in the environs surrounding where Pueblo people lived during the 14th century in particular, traces of checkdams, diversion dams/spreaders, contour terraces, and gridded terraces are unsurprising occurrences, even if their surviving physical remains on the present-day ground surface are exceedingly camera shy.

"As a word of advice, a soil scientist, a geomorphologist, and a palynologist well trained in ISM methods are *essential* team members in the identification, documentation, and evaluation of field works, *even if* archaeologists can stub their toes and trip on them during a survey!...There is actually quite a group of people who know a good bit about the cultural resources and historical contexts related to La Bajada's agricultural landscape. To my ears, this choir sings well, even if their voices are not often heard ringing out on the subject."

In a letter to the editor of *The New Mexican* (3/5) Sterling Grogan reminds us that the State does not regulate gravel mines....so when the inevitable fuel spill or other accident happens [at La Bajada], as is the norm in mining, citizens will have little recourse under state law."

The public hearing on La Bajada will be at the County Courthouse on Grant St., March 20th, 4PM. (Check for rescheduling.)



La Bajada before I-25.

GALISTEO'S BICENTENNIAL $\overline{\mathbb{J}}$

(Going back a bit from the last issue about the founding of the village to the Galisteo Basin in the late 18^{th} century.)

With the Comanche Treaty in 1786, one might have expected a land rush on the Basin and its notoriously good grazing. Yet according to David Snow, "not until the second decade of the 19th century is there evidence for serious re-occupation of the vicinity of former Galisteo [pueblo] and its environs." However, the founding of the village itself was preceded by sporadic and unidentified occupation of the Basin, mostly the western half.

Perhaps in the late 1700s, or at least by 1820, the name Pino is associated with grazing lands in the Basin. The famous Pedro Bautista Pino (who traveled to the Cortes in Cadiz Spain in 1812 to represent New Mexico) came to Santa Fe (Cont. p.3)

from Belen sometime between 1780 and 1801, and died in 1829. With his third wife he had a never-mentioned daughter and three sons -- Nicolas, Miguel and Facundo, all of whom figure in the history of Galisteo village.

According to one source, a Pino ranch was the only house in the Galisteo "Valley" in the late 1700s. Its location is unknown, but it may have been the Sitio de los Cerrillos in the far western Basin, granted in 1788 to Clieto de Miera and Pedro Bautista Pino. José Ortiz y Pino III of Galisteo contends that Pedro Bautista lived in Galisteo and was buried in the old cemetery, although this is undocumented. However, his son Nicolas Pino, who lived on the east side of the creek, played a major role in New Mexico history in the 1840s.

Raiding by nomadic tribes continued into the 1860s. The military warned of "the enemy who passes to and fro with his spoils after having committed many murders." In the 1700s, anyone going anywhere was required to have official permission. Mule trains had to have three armed protectors with lances and one musket. Footloose wanderers, vagabonds, Indians (and criminals disguised as Apaches so the tribes would be blamed) traveled at their own risk. (TO BE CONTINUED)

TIPS FROM THE GVFR

Spring is the time of year to prepare your lot for safety from summer's growth of vegetation. Now that you've changed your clocks to "spring ahead," remember to check the batteries in your home smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Also dust behind and underneath your refrigerator, as better ventilation prevents overheating and the resulting fires. This is also a good time to discuss and practice your family's home escape plan should a fire occur. Please contact the GVFR (466-0396) for more detailed info or to schedule a home help inspection.

At the March GVFR business meeting, County fire officer Mike Jaffa detailed the exacerbated cancer risks faced by fire fighters, and how to avoid them.

Thanks to Roger Taylor for removing the plastic bags and flyers from our old mailboxes, keeping aerial trash to a minimum.

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Jack Alan McQueen (7 pounds, 13 ounces) was born March 10 to Caroline Siegel and Matthew McQueen, the first resident baby in SoGal for a long, long time. His parents are "tired but happy," and his Daddy has filed to run for District 3 50 State Representative, to replace the late Stephen Easely. The New Mexican (3/12) has displaced the family to Lamy but Galisteo claims him.

Robert Anaya is being challenged for his second term on the Board of County Commissioners by Camila Bustamante, who works for the State Department of Health as Manager of Planning and Resources, teaches at Northern New Mexico College, and lives in La Cienega. She wants to see the County "more considerate of the individual property owner," reports *The New Mexican* (3/12). The primary is June 3rd.

George Michael Anaya, son of the late Josie and Andres of the Tienda Anaya, is among those commemorated in *The Wall That Heals*, a traveling half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington DC that visited Santa Fe in March.

An article by former County Commissioner Harry Montoya in the Feb. *Green Fire Times* supports **Mora County's right to ban fracking**, favoring local government over corporations. Montoya was on the BCC in 2006 when the stringent ordinance making it difficult to drill in Santa Fe County was adopted. But he is pessimistic about the future, noting that the ordinance allows drilling to occur, though makes it very expensive: "When natural gas or oil prices rise to the point where it's cost-effective to comply with the requirements of our ordinance (or to bear the cost of suing to overturn parts of it), Santa Fe County *will be drilled*." He goes on to say that he hopes that Mora County's decision will help New Mexicans realize that "we don't have a fracking problem—we have a democracy problem."

Reports of two **murdered pit bulls** found tied to a tree on NM 41 in Santa Fe County did not give the exact location, but it had to be near Galisteo or Stanley.

The legislature approved a bill to keep **Amtrak's Southwest Chief** running through Lamy, though it remains to be seen if the governor signs on.

MED CAP TIPS ITS HAT AWAY (ENFEOFF)*

Denise Lynch

In nineteen years or tears, everyone at sometime left their counter and stepped outside into a blast of air. The edge of the courtyard made swirls of hair and clothing, coat pockets crumpled to get lists.

The well stapled white bags carried us away with warnings no one read and potions and pills that we swallowed in hope and dread.

I remember these places with the early and harsh colors that come from the view of a world shaped in a child's mind.

Jelly beans and trolls and funny short surface humor one liners on fabricated plaques made to look like good wood.

A desert cross of Maria's above a photo of Catholic residue, next to an oblique room with a TV on and no one in it and no one listening.

Tall counters block grouchy adults on telephones.

A card rack of silly images of animals

Once I really looked at them and saw a dog of my own, surprising me in that context. Something so close as my Blue Dog of long years pops up in someone's photo card with ridiculous appeal in line waiting with the scary double take of a young poem, I couldn't laugh or cry but gasp and ache, the slow kind where shelves begin to hold few products that sigh in soft inevitable dust. The way skeletons bargain for trinkets. The way January trees have nothing but the decorations of snow birds.

All of this alchemy dissolves into next door.

It pulls on me from an attempted cinnamon roll with too much cream cheese.

(*Enfeoff -- give property in exchange for service -- an ode to the haves and have-nots of our times.)

COUNTY ZONING

Santa Fe County has released the Sustainable Land Development Code Zoning Map (draft for adoption March 21st). A meeting was held March 12 at the County Courthouse to consider the map for the Galisteo Community plan area, identified in the Sustainable Land Development Code (Chapter 9, Section 9.3).

Roger Taylor, Leslie Dilworth, and Kevan Saunders attended. They report that most of the zoning approved in the Galisteo Community Plan in Feb 2012 was retained. But the "Traditional Community" designation for the center strip of the village along NM41 has been changed to a "Commercial Neighborhood" zoning designation. The rationale is that it is an area where retail activity takes place there. However, this change allows for larger buildings, greater commercial building density, and more retail activity.

Currently, most of the area in question is historic buildings and homes with artists' studios. Aside from the Tienda Anaya (rented by House of Ancestors Antiques) and one of its outbuildings (serving as an office for Tim Willms' Talus Wind Ranch south of Galisteo), there is only Priscilla Hoback's studio/gallery. "We will pressure the County to return the area to 'traditional' with a small 'commercial neighborhood' overlay (if necessary)," says Taylor. But Galisteo wants no 7-11s!

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